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Dear DOJ

My main concern re the Microsoft case is that Microsoft be prohibited from:

1. Installing dubious or extraneous software that is impossible or difficult to remove from a computer system. This includes medallions that advertise or entice the purchaser to buy or try subscriptions to services not wanted. It very irritating to spend hours removing third party entreaties to CNN, Disney, etc. If I want to subscribe to something I should make an active effort. NO PUSH ADVERTISING!
2. Microsoft should be prohibited from searching a user's computer for information, serial numbers, etc. What is on my machine is mine. Microsoft has no business combing my machine.

I request that if these provisions are not in the settlement that they be added. For example, the settlement should read:

Microsoft agrees to place any entreaties not relevant to every user on an accessory CD so that a user can choose to install them or not to install them.

Microsoft also agrees to stop investigating user machines for information relevant to software installed on said machine.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. These issues are of the utmost importance to keep Microsoft from determining every single aspect of our machines' usage.

best regards,

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